

**King County****Department of Development  
and Environmental Services**900 Oakesdale Avenue Southwest  
Renton, WA 98057-5212**206-296-6600** TTY 206-296-7217**INNOCENT PURCHASER  
Instructions & AFFIDAVIT**

For alternate formats, call 206-296-6600.

Filing an Innocent Purchaser Affidavit is a process established by State and County law that allows County recognition of property as a separate lot when said property is purchased for fair value and without knowledge that it was sold in violation of state and local subdivision laws. To accomplish this process, applicant signs and dates an Innocent Purchaser Affidavit (page two).

The recognition of property as a separate lot does not necessarily entitle an owner to permits for property development. Development permits will be issued dependent on consistency with pertinent County ordinances.

King County Code 19A.08.090 allows individuals to be recognized as innocent purchasers on a "one-time-only" basis. Therefore, all property in question, for which innocent purchaser status is sought, needs to be included in a single request for consideration.

**Please complete the Innocent Purchaser Affidavit on page two by providing all pertinent information as requested:**

1. Complete the applicant information at the top of the affidavit form. You must include the tax lot number (see Assessor's Map) for the purchased parcel.
  - Paragraph 1 – Please provide the purchase date and both the legal and common description of the property.
  - Paragraph 2 – List and attach all documents related to the purchase of said property; include copies of earnest money agreements, purchase and sale agreements, real estate contracts and/or advertising representations made by the seller that show compliance, on the seller's part, with state and local laws regarding the subdivision of property.
  - Paragraph 3 – Indicate the purchase price of the property and attach any copies of appraisals upon which fair market value can be determined.
  - Paragraph 4 – Indicate all of applicant's previous experience in requesting innocent purchaser status in King County.
2. Provide copy of earliest deed describing the subject lot. This is available from a title insurance company.
3. Provide copy of your deed or real estate contract.
4. Provide copy of title report.
5. Provide copy of current Assessor's map.
6. Provide fee. For current fee estimates, see [permit fees](#) on the DDES Web site at [www.kingcounty.gov/permits](http://www.kingcounty.gov/permits) (look for innocent purchaser affidavits under the "Subdivision miscellaneous" listing).

Please submit the above material together with the current fee for innocent purchaser requests to the Department of Development and Environmental Services. If further information or explanation of the enclosed statement is required, please call 206-296-6600.



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## Innocent Purchaser Affidavit

Applicant Name _____	Tax Lot No. _____
Phone _____ - _____ - _____	E-mail _____
Address _____	
_____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____	

State of Washington, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn,  
 on oath, depose(s) and state(s):

1. On \_\_\_\_\_, I (We) purchased the following described real estate:
  
2. Attached to this statement are true and correct copies of all documents signed by me (us) relating to the purchase of the above described real estate. These documents are:
  
3. I paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the property. I have attached copies of appraisals, if any exist, upon which fair market value can be determined.
  
4. I (We) have ☐ have not ☐ made application for innocent purchaser status in King County previously. (You must explain all previous applications.)

I (We) am (are) aware that the purpose of filing this statement is to obtain recognition by King County of the property described in paragraph 1 above as a separate lot, by establishing to the satisfaction of the responsible County officials that I (we) purchased this property for value and without actual knowledge that it was sold in violation of state and local regulations regarding the subdivision of property. I (We) am (are) further aware that any false statements contained in this statement may lead to the revocation of County recognition of the property described in paragraph 1 as a separate lot and the revocation of all development permits which may have been issued with respect to this lot.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant(s) Signature

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a duly authorized and acting  
 Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, hereby declare: that on this date personally appeared before me  
 \_\_\_\_\_, to me known to be the individual described in and who  
 executed the within and foregoing document, and acknowledged to me that he signed the same as his free and  
 voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington

Residing at \_\_\_\_\_

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